IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

GAIL RICHARDS, individually and on behalf of herself and all others similarly	CLASS ACTION
situated Plaintiff	NO. 14-cv-1402
VS.	(JUDGE A. RICHARD CAPUTO)
CLIENT SERVICES, INC. Defendant	(FILED ELECTRONICALLY)
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<u>ORDER</u>	
AND NOW, this day of	2015, upon consideration
of Plaintiff's unopposed Motion for Leave to Exceed Page Limits in connection	
with final approval of class settlement (Doc. No), it is hereby ORDERED	
that said Motion is GRANTED.	
	BY THE COURT:
	A. RICHARD CAPUTO
	United States District Judge

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Plaintiff, by and through her undersigned counsel, hereby moves for leave to file a brief in excess of the limits of Loc. R. Civ. P. 7.8(b) and states as follows:

- 1. On September 17, 2015, Plaintiff will file her Memorandum of Law in Support of Motion for Final Approval of Class Settlement and for Approval of Attorneys' Fees and Costs. (Doc. No. 28).
- 2. This is a consumer class action where Plaintiff is seeking approval for a class-wide settlement of claims arising under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692 et seq.
- 3. Final approval of a class settlement involves two essential steps: (A) a preliminary determination of whether the elements of Fed. R. Civ. P. 23 governing class certification can be met, and (B) whether a class settlement is *prima facie* fair, reasonable and adequate. *See In re NFL Players Concussion Injury Litig.*, 775 F.3d 570 (3d Cir. 2014); *Wallace v. Powell*, 301 F.R.D. 144, 159-60 (M.D. Pa.

- 2014). The Motion of necessity raises substantial issues that require due argument.
- 4. As such, legal argument for final approval in this case involves briefing two separate if related questions, *i.e.*, class certification and final approval of settlement with approval of class counsel fees and costs which could be addressed in two substantial briefs.
- 5. In the effort to avoid redundancy (e.g. two statements of fact, procedure, the settlement terms), Plaintiff seeks to file one Memorandum in Support of Final Approval which addresses both legal questions Rule 23 certification, and fairness of settlement and fees, with said memorandum appearing on the docket at ECF No. 28, filed September 17, 2015.
- 6. Filing one brief (as well as one appendix of exhibits) addressing all of the inquiries for final approval is economical for the Court and parties.
- 7. Plaintiff's Memorandum is approximately 7000 words, and thus is in excess of the limits imposed by Loc. R. Civ. P. 7.8(b).
- 8. For the reasons set forth above, Plaintiff requests leave be granted to file a brief in excess of the Local Rule limitation.
- 9. The undersigned certifies pursuant to Loc. R. 7.1 that Defendant Client Services, Inc. consents to this Motion.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff should be granted leave to file a brief in excess of the limitations set forth in Local R. Civ. P. 7.8(b).

Date: 9/17/15 /s/ Cary L. Flitter

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, CARY L. FLITTER, hereby certify that a copy of Plaintiff's Motion for Leave to Exceed Page Limit has been electronically filed with the Clerk of Court using the CM/ECF system, which sent notification of such filing to:

Andrew Schwartz, Esquire MARSHALL DENNEHY WARNER COLEMAN & GOGGIN 2000 Market Street, Suite 2300 Philadelphia, PA 19103 Attorney for Defendant

Date: 9/17/15

/s/ Cary L. Flitter
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Said document is available for viewing and downloading from the ECF system.

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